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The Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute (LA BioMed) has been located at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center for more than 56 years. While it is a nonprofit organization separate from the County, it has worked in partnership with the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center to attract top medical staff. LA BioMed has been a leader in numerous medical advances, including the modern cholesterol test and the paramedic model for emergency care, and has become one of the largest biomedical research institutes in California.

With 1,100 employees and 1,000 research studies, LA BioMed also has become a major economic engine contributing more than \$155 million in activity to the economic well-being of the community.

LA BioMed occupies many of the World War II-era buildings located behind the Medical Center. County staff and LA BioMed have a mutual desire to consolidate the research center campus in order to modernize its facilities and better optimize land for future County use. Operating facilities leased from the County, LA BioMed has been able to construct four new buildings with non-County funds for its vital research, the

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most recent of which opened last fall.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 has allocated funding for biomedical research facilities construction grants through the National Institutes for Health and the National Institutes for Research Resources. LA BioMed is in the process of applying for these grants in order to construct up to three additional research buildings and renovate their existing core research facilities. This additional investment would greatly improve LA BioMed, enhance the medical center campus and further its important research efforts.

WE THEREFORE MOVE, THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to send a five-signature letter to the Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, which it can include with its grant applications, expressing the full support and commitment of the County of Los Angeles for LA BioMed's efforts to secure funding from the National Institutes of Health and National Institute for Research Resources for the construction of additional research buildings within the Research Park at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center campus.

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